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# News Release

## Daitch Leads Canadian Sprinters

Rossland, BC (January 8, 2007) – Fort Smith's Sarah Daitch won a silver medal in Saturday's Haywood NorAm Sprint Competition, finishing just a stride behind Quebec's Christine Bisson. It was Daitch's third straight sprinting silver medal of the season and her consistency places her atop the Madshus Sprint Series rankings.

Seeded fifth going into the competition, Daitch was fourth in the qualifier. It is Daitch's pattern to get stronger as the competition goes on and Saturday was no exception. She easily won her semi-final race. In the final, Daitch pushed to the front and held the lead until Bisson nipped her on the final downhill. "It was the first race all season that I made no mistakes," commented Daitch. "It wasn't a course designed for double polling which is my strength. In fact there were no opportunities to double pole. So I just went as fast as I could in both the semi-finals and finals. Christine is an excellent sprinter and had a perfect race." Daitch's next sprint race is in Canmore, Alberta where she will be taking on the Olympic sprint gold medalist Chandra Crawford, who will be returning from European competition. Excited by the opportunity Daitch said, "It's always exciting to compete against the best."

Yellowknife's Mike Argue had a solid performance on January 4, when he finished 7th in a very fast field in the 10-kilometre skate race. Daitch finished 4th in the women's skating race.

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